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Below is a summary of the latest top headlines of the week surrounding the news in Libya. Key highlights include:

- Secretary Pompeo, in a call with Egypt's Foreign Ministry Secretary, expressed America's concerns over the continued conflict in Libya, both men acknowledging the need for a political solution.
- As the conflict continues, oil supplies to citizens in Libya continues to dwindle, in a country known for oil export. This is due to security concerns in the ongoing conflict.
- The UN humanitarian agency reported 90 were killed in the month of August due to the conflict. 45 of these 90 were killed by Haftar's forces in a single airstrike in early August.
- The UN determined that there were no military weapons at the airport Haftar's forces recently attacked, determining that the airport was a civilian one.
- Human Rights Watch has called for the return of Libyan parliament member Seham Sergewa, who was abducted over four weeks ago by what is believed to be Haftar-aligned forces.
- UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson noted there is no military solution in Libya, and that the UK only recognizes the Government of National Accord as the only legitimate body in Libya.

## Reuters (8/19): Pompeo, in call with Egypt's Shoukry, urges political solution in Libya

- Secretary Pompeo addressed American concerns over the continued conflict in Libya on his call with Egypt.
- Both Pompeo and Egypt's Foreign Ministry Secretary agreed on the need to achieve a political solution in Libya.

#### Reuters (8/20): Libya sends mobile petrol stations to conflict-hit west

- Libya is experiencing fuel shortages in the country, which is creating fuel lines for citizens. This shortage has stemmed from the ongoing conflict.
- Due to security concerns, national distributions companies in Libya have been unwilling and unable to deliver fuel, placing a financial burden on these distribution companies.
- In an effort to combat smuggling and black market oil sales, companies have stopped fuel supply to over 400 stations.

### Associated Press (8/20): UN agency: Rival tribes clash in southern Libya; 90 killed

- As the fighting continues, the UN humanitarian agency reported at least 90 people were killed in the month of August due to the conflict.
- An airstrike on August 4<sup>th</sup>, which has been blamed on Haftar's LNA, killed 45 people.

# Libyan Observer (8/20): Uneasy calm descends on Tripoli frontlines as Haftar's forces advance on Gharyan fails

- Continued attempts of the LNA to take the city of Gharyan, a strategic city near Tripoli, have been thwarted by local forces.
- The Libyan Army under command of the Presidential Council government is preparing for the fight against Haftar in southern Tripoli.

# Associated Press (8/18): UN blasts Libyan force's strikes on airport west of Tripoli

- The UN mission in Libya condemned airstrikes carried out by Haftar's LNA forces on a militia-run airport near Tripoli.
- The airport was attacked due to suspicions of Turkish-made drones inside the airport. After inspection, it was
  found that there were no military infrastructure or assets at the airport.

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The UNSMIL declared that the Zuwara airport was a civilian facility.

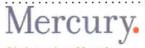
### Human Rights Watch (8/16): Libya: Abducted Politician Missing 4 Weeks

- Human Rights Watch is calling for the safe return of Seham Sergewa, a parliament member who was abducted from her home on July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- It has been four weeks since her capture, and relatives of her family believe Sergewa was abducted by LNA-affiliated groups.
- Sergiwa has been an outspoken voice in opposition to the LNA's military assault led by Haftar on Tripoli.

### Libyan Observer (8/15): Boris Johnson: No military solution in Libya

- Boris Johnson reaffirmed head of the Libyan Government Fayez Al-Sarraj that there is no military solution in Libya.
- Johnson also stated that it is paramount that a political solution is reached to regain stability.
- PM Johnson also stated that the UK recognizes "the Government of National Accord as the only legitimate body in Libya."

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